steps to be taken by Pakistan during the Home Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan held on 12th November, 1998—

(i) Abandon the policy of state sponsorship of terrorism in India.

(ii) Close down training camps for terrorists functioning in POK/ Pakistan.

(iii) Hand over terrorists and underworld operators, of Indian Origin, sheltered in Pakistan.

(iv) Dismantle the infrastructure that exists in Pakistan for indoctrination 'training funding arming infiltration of militants mercenaries for sponsoring terrorism in India.

However, no response has been received from Government of Pakistan in this regard so far. As part of the compos'te diallogue, it was decided to continue talks between the two countries further.

Discussions with AASU

1949. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the particullars of formal and informal discussions held with AASU for implementation of Assam Accord;

(b) the outcome of such discussion, progress made and action paln finalised for clause-wise implementation of Assam Accord; and

(c) the details of pogrammes finalised for constitutional safeguards under clause 6 of Assam Accord?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Official level tripartite talks were held this year on 6-4-98 and 23-9-98 with the officials of Government of Assam and representatives of All Assam Students Union to review the implementation of Assam Accord.

(b) and (c) The meetings reviewed clause-wise implementation of the Assam Accord. Time schedule was also fixed for implementing these clauses. The decision taken in this regard are given in the Statement (See below).

The Sub-Committee has been constituted to examine the proposals submitted by Government of Assam and AASU under Clause 6 of the Assam Accord. The details of projects under implementaition for the economic development of Assam as per clause 7 was also reviewed.

Statement

Decision taken in regard to implementation of clauses of the Assam Accord

Government of Assam agreed that 546 cases of foreigners of 1966-71 steam pending with the State Police shall be disposed of within three months.

It was agreed that 10.051 cases pending before the Foreigners Tribunals need to be disposed of expeditiously. Government of Assam agreed to request the Foreigners Tribunals to dispose of these cases by December, 2000.

Government of Assam agreed to fill up vacancies of Members to make 10 Tribunals under IMDT Act, 1983 functional by December 31, 1998. They also agreed that vacancies of 16 Tribunals will be filled up by March 31, 1999.

Government of Assam agreed to send proposals for additional posts of FRROs by October, 1988.

A Sub-Committee would be constituted with 4 representatives from

Government of India, 3 each from Government of Assam and AASU, to examine the porposals submitted by Government of Assam and AASU under clause VI of the Assam Accord. The Sub-Committee shall be chaired by a representative of Government of India. The Sub-Committee shall be constituted within 15 days of receiving names from AASU and Government of Assam and shall give its recommendations to the Tripartite Committee by April 30, 1999.

Attack on Christian Workers and Missionaries

1950. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the attack on Christian workers and missionaries are increasing throughout the country;

(b) if so, the number of such attacks on missionaxies held during the past six months and number of Christians molested/raped/killed during the same period;

(c) whether Government have assured to a Christian delegation to take an effective step to check such incidents in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) There is no such increase in the attack on Christian workers and missionaries throughout the country. However, the Government is aware that some islodated incidents of attack on members of Christian community did take place.

(b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State Subjects as per the Constitution of India. The registration, investigation and detection of crimes as well as the prevention of crime are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Details of individual cases are not maintained at the Central level.

(c) and (d) A delegation under the leadership of Archbishop of Delhi had met Home Minister on 29th September, 1998 who instructed the Home Ministry to liaise with the concerned State Governments with a view to ensure that such incidents are prevented and the guilty persons are punished. The Chief Secretaries of the concerned States were advised to issue suitable instructions to the district law and order authorities to respond immediately to the complaints of atrocities/harassment of the minorities and initiate prompt and effective action to identity and punish the guilty persons. The Government is clear that acts of violence against the minority communities, whenever and in whatever form they occur, must be dealt with sternly.

Facilities to NRIs/pIO

1951. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken fresh initiatives to provide a new package of incentives and facilities to NRIs/Persons of India Origin (PIO) and that a committee has been set up for this purpose;

(b) if so, the details of the constitution of the committee, terms of reference and the period by which the committee is expected to submit its report;

(c) the details regarding present status of the proposal; and